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Upcoming events

QUILT SHOW will be presented by the Pioneer Valley Quilters on Saturday, May 2, and Sunday, May 3. at the Elks Lodge #61, 440 Tiffany St., Springfield. Admission is \$10; free for 12 and under. Free parking.

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Annual Town Election postponed

By Jonah Snowden jsnowden@turley.com

LUDLOW - Ludlow's Annual Town Election was scheduled for March 23, with polls open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. However, town clerk Kim Batista said Tuesday that after an emergency Board of Selectmen meeting on March 16, the elections have been postponed. A new date has not been determined yet.

This year's contested races include two seats on the Board of Public Works and one on the Recreation Commission.

Polling locations for the six

precincts will be as follows: Precinct 1: Chapin Elementary School, 766 Chapin St., Ludlow

Precinct 2: Paul R. Baird Middle School, 1 Rooney Rd. **Precinct 3:** Ludlow High

School. 500 Chapin St. Precinct 4: East Street

School, 508 East St. Precinct 5: First Church of Ludlow, 859 Center St.

Precinct 6: Veterans Park Elementary School, 486 Chapin

> On the Ballot **Board of Selectman:**

Antonio Goncalves -

Incumbent - 3 Year Term **Town Clerk:**

Kim M. Batista -Incumbent - 3 Year Term

Tax Collector: Fred Pereira - Incumbent -3 Year Term

Town Moderator:

Michael A. Szlosek -Incumbent - 3 Year Term

Board of Assessors: Michael S. O'Rourke -

Incumbent - 3 Year Term **Board of Health:** Adrienne Desantis -

Incumbent - 3 Year Term Trustee of Hubbard **Memorial Library**

Linda J. Collette -

Incumbent - 3 Year Term **Housing Authority:** Incumbent - 5 Year Term **Board of Public Works** (vote for not more than two):

Thomas Haluch Incumbent - 3 Year Term Guilherme F. Rodrigues -Incumbent - 3 Year Term Stephen E. Santos -Incumbent - 3 Year Term Daniel F. Soares -

Incumbent - 3 Year Term **Recreation Commission** (vote for not more than one):

Jason C. Martins -Incumbent - 3 Year Term

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Schools close, gatherings banned as coronavirus spreads

By Elise Linscott elinscott@turley.com

All public and private schools will be closed for at least three weeks, restaurants will be limited to delivery or take-out only for a month and gatherings of over 25 people will be banned, Gov. Charlie Baker announced Sunday.

On Monday, Baker also announced a \$10 million recovery loan fund to help small businesses affected by the coronavirus pandemic, the Associated Press reported.

For 80 percent of the population, the coronavirus feels like the flu and doesn't lead to hospitalization, Baker said in a press conference Sunday.

'The reason we're taking this so seriously is because it is incredibly contagious," Baker said. "It's more contagious than the seasonal flu."

On Monday, state health officials reported there were 197 confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Massachusetts, up from 164 on Sunday, and 14 hospitalizations, according to the Boston Herald. As of Monday night, there were 181,377 cases worldwide and 7,119 deaths, according to a map by Johns Hopkins University. Most of the deaths were in China, Italy, Iran and Spain.

If we "take decisive steps now and everyone plays their part by following the best medical guidance, we can slow down the spread, and our healthcare system can be bet-

ter positioned to care for the people who need it," Baker

The state-wide order banning gatherings of 25 or more people applies to spaces like churches, gyms, concerts and offices and is in effect until April 5. Baker said there are no shelter in place orders. The state has also temporarily suspended certain provisions of open meeting laws in order to allow for boards and commissions to meet via phone or internet, which still allow real-time public access.

According to the town's website, Ludlow Town Hall, Hubbard Memorial Library and the senior center are all closed until further notice.

Doctors say that social distancing now will be key to flattening the curve of the pan-

"Our health system will not be able to cope with the projected numbers of people who will need acute care should we not muster the fortitude and will to socially and physically distance each other immediately," Dr. Asaf Bitton, executive director of Ariadne Labs in Boston, wrote in a column published by the Boston Globe.

"On a regular day, there are about 45,000 staffed ICU beds nationally, which can be ramped up in a crisis to about 95,000. Even moderate pro-

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Ludlow teen remembered through region-wide fundraising efforts

Nathan M.

By Jonah Snowden jsnowden@turley.com

LUDLOW - Nathan M. Carreira grew up in Ludlow and was known as a dedicated alpine ski racer, among many other

He touched the lives of numerous people, especially during his time at the Stratton Mountain Resort in Vermont, where he'd spent many weekends since he was young. Carreira was a member of the Stratton Winter Sports Club and an award winner in the Southern

Vermont Council for ski racing.

The life and legacy of Ludlow resident Nathan M. Carreira, a dedicated alpine racer, lives on through friends and family.

On March 26, it will have been two years since Nathan committed suicide. In order to honor his memory, Nathan's mother, Karen, said that her husband, Michael, and daughter, Natalie, met with a group of Nathan's closest ski friends from Connecticut, New York and Vermont, who decided they would honor Nathan with an annual ski race.

The name of annual race was first called the "Nathan M. Carreira Race," now known as "#Shred4Nate," which takes place at the Stratton Mountain

When reflecting on her son,

Karen Carreira said that networking with other people who have experienced similar losses, going to individual counseling and getting support from friends and family and the ski community in Vermont helped her and the rest of the family shift from the life they knew to "a new experience."

She said that she encourages parents, doctors, friends, school faculty, and anyone to notice and question the changes of behavior in teenagers, since they could possibly have their own struggles they deal with daily.

The goal of the annual event is to have a fun ski race that strengthens and builds a community, while also celebrating Nathan's life and passion for

Last year's inaugural race included the creation of the #Shred4Nate logo, which was created by Nathan's ski friends, along with commemorative race bibs, bib draw and raffle prizes and custom designed awards, while his favorite flavor of Ben

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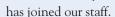


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Ludlow Lions Club Scholarship applications available

LUDLOW - The Ludlow Lions Club is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for the James and Mary O'Neil (\$20,000 paid over four years), the S. Louis Marceau and the Paul R. Baird scholarships (\$1,000 each).

Eligible applicants must be residents of Ludlow, regardless of the high school attended, and entering freshman year this fall at an accredited college or technical school. The James and Mary O'Neil scholarship is available only to students who will be attending the University of Massachusetts Amherst cam-

Applications may be obtained from the Guidance Departments of Ludlow High School or Pope Francis Preparatory School, online at ludlowlions.org and facebook. com/ludlowlionsclub, by request at ludlowlions@yahoo.com or by contacting a Ludlow Lions Club member.

The Scholarship applications must be received by April 1, 2020. Mail applications to the Ludlow Lions Club, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 72, Ludlow, MA 01056-0072.



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Unfortunately, the Ludlow Senior Center will be closing as of 4 p.m. on Mar. 13 until further notice. This was not an easy decision but after many discussions we feel this is the best way to protect our folks. We will still have essential services by appointment only such as Outreach appointments, AARP tax appointments and external transportation. If you have questions or concerns please CALL US...we will still be here. 413- 583-3564. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Jodi Zepke, Director Ludlow Senior Center

JOURNEY TO FREEDOM



(L-R) Alex Rosa, Carter Haluch, Anthony Morawiec, Avery Morais, Marco Pio and Melinda Lapointe.



LUDLOW - St. John the Baptist School 4th graders recently performed "Journey to Freedom: The Underground Railroad" as part of the Enchanted Circle Theater's "Page to Stage" program. Directed by teaching artist, Ann Sobel, the students brought this important book to life.

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Legislature passes \$15 million COVID-19 bill

Head to governor's desk for approval

BOSTON - The Senate and House recently passed a supplemental budget to create a \$15 million fund in response to the outbreak of COVID 19 cases in Massachusetts, according to State Rep. Todd M. Smola, R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means. The funds, held in reserve, will support the commonwealth's monitoring, treatment, containment, public awareness and prevention efforts against the 2019 novel coronavirus by the Department of Public Health, regional and local boards of health and other public entities.

"I am pleased that we were able to approve this critical funding so quickly,' said Smola. "We are determined to do anything in our power to assist state and local efforts to deal with our unfolding public health crisis." The bill now goes to the governor. For additional information please contact Representative Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or 617-722-2100.

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jections suggest that if current infectious trends hold, our capacity (locally and nationally) may be overwhelmed as early as mid-late April. Thus, the only strategies that can get us off this concerning trajectory are those that enable us to work together as a community to maintain public health by staying apart.'

The state's \$10 million small business recovery loan fund will provide emergency capital of up to \$75,000 for Massachusetts-

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based businesses with under 50 full- and part-time employees, including nonprofit groups, with loans immediately available to eligible businesses and no payments due for

the first six months, the Associated Press

The pandemic is also having an impact on the presidential primaries. On Monday night, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine said he would postpone Ohio's presidential primary by declaring a public health emergency. Georgia, Kentucky and Louisiana have also postponed their primary elections.

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and Jerry's ice cream was handed out at the finish line.

Because of the Carreiras' donations to the Stratton Foundation, whose mission is to meet the basic human needs of hunger, warmth, selfworth and well-being, while providing an opportunity for children to grow up and focus on their education and thrive and succeed, a fund named after their son, the "Nathan M. Carreira Fund," was established. This fund's purpose is to create a legacy in Nathan's name while supporting the Vermont and Stratton communities he cherished as

This year's race was originally scheduled for March 15 and had to be canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic, but donations can still be made to the fund online.

From last year's race, the endowment gifted \$18,000 to launch three major programs targeting community, schools, families and children across the region.

The Carreiras' mental health awareness and suicide prevention efforts do not only take place in Vermont. Last October, a group of family and friends, called "Team Nathan," raised \$19,000 for the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Federation of Suicide Prevention during its annual fundraising walk in the Greater Springfield area. The money collected went to assist in research and funding for suicide prevention.

Karen also said that she is interested in creating something that would provide a strong level of impact for western Massachusetts. The start of this goal is the scholarship under his name at Ludlow High School, where Nathan attended, which has been created to give awareness to students who have struggled and have made it through their troubles. She also said that the second scholarship is scheduled to be given out in May this year.

"I think we've done a lot of work, in terms of advocacy and education in the world of mental health and mental wellness for teens and young adults," said Karen. She also said that the feedback she receives from the all the work helps "turn the grief into something positive.'

Although the race was canceled for this year, the opportunity to donate to the endowment fund is still available. To donate, visit http://strattonfoundation.org/in-memory-of-nathan.



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Fire officials ask public's to help prevent brush fires

REGION – State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey said, "Early spring is typically the time when firefighters are busy fighting brush fires. As the season changes, the winds can be strong and unpredictable. Please conduct open burning safely and watch the wind. Have a permit and to be ready to shut it down quickly if the weather changes."

April worst month

Historically April is the worst month for brush fires. Many people rush to conduct open burning before the season ends on May 1 and may burn too much at once. Spring is typically a windy time of the year as the weather pattern changes. The snow pack has melted, but the ground is only just starting to green up and there is plenty of dry vegetation and leaves from last year to serve as tinder. Dry, hot and windy conditions make it perfect for brush fires to start and to get out of control, and hard for firefighters to bring them under control.

Don't delay

If the fire should get out of control, call the fire department immediately. "Winds can fan the flames and fire can spread faster than a person can run," said Ostroskey. "Use the utmost caution to prevent injury and damage to your

own and your neighbor's property," he added.

Low number of 2019 brush fires not likely to be repeated

"Due to the wet spring, 2019 had the second lowest number of brush fires on record; we are not likely to be so lucky in 2020," said Ostroskey. "The spring brush fire season has already started." The five-year average number of brush fires (2015-2019) is 5,065. In 2019, there were only 2,705 brush fires in Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System collects data on grass fires, brush fires, wildland fires, woods fires and other outside natural vegetation fires and we refer to them as "brush fires."

Taxing departments

Brush fires are labor intensive and take a long time to bring under control. Multiple brush fires can severely tax a community's firefighting resources. Prevention is the best approach.

Burn safely

Open burning that has gotten out of control is the cause of many brush fires. Open burning season, in communities where it is allowed, ends on May 1. A permit is required from the local fire warden, usually the local fire chief.

Burning can only take place when both air quality and fire conditions are acceptable. "Weather conditions change rapidly, so watch the wind and be prepared to extinguish your brush pile. A sudden wind change is how most open burning fires get out of control," said

Open burning is prohibited at all times in these communities: Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Chicopee, Everett, Fall River, Holyoke, Lawrence, Lowell, Malden, Medford, New Bedford, Newton, Somerville, Springfield, Waltham, Watertown, West Springfield, Worcester.

State fire wardens determine each day whether conditions are safe for open burning. Weather and air quality can change rapidly, especially in the spring, and fire departments can rescind permits when that happens. Follow local procedures for using the permit on any given day.

How to Safely Burn Brush

·Burn between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. with a permit from the fire warden (usually the fire chief).

·Burn only when air quality is acceptable for burning. Local authorities will call the MassDEP Air Quality Ho-

tline at 800-882-1497 or visit MassAir Online to find out if it is.

·Burn only on your own property as close as possible to the source of material to be burned, no less than 75 feet away from all dwellings and away from utility lines.

·Have fire suppression tools handy; keep a fire extinguisher or charged garden hose, and a shovel and a rake close by.

An adult must constantly monitor the fire. Leaving burning unattended is a reason to revoke burning permits.

·Use paper and kindling to start a fire and progressively add larger pieces of wood. Parts of a leftover Christmas tree may also be used.

·Never use gasoline, kerosene or any other flammable liquid to start a fire. The risk of injury in these cases is too high.

·Burn one small pile at a time and slowly add to it. This will help keep the fire from getting out of control.

Burn the fire down to the coals, drown them with water, spread them out, and then drown them again. Completely extinguish the fire before leaving.

ELECTION from Page 1

Harry V. Mills - Incumbent - 3 Year

School Committee:

James Chip Harrington – Incumbent -3 Year Term

Jeffrey A. Laing-Incumbent – Incumbent - 3 Year Term

Planning Board:

Rafael L. Quiterio - Incumbent - 5 Year Term

Question 1

Shall the Town of Ludlow be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to design and construct a replacement track, football field, and baseball field located at the Ludlow High School, 500 Chapin Street?

Representative Town Meeting Members Precinct 1:

Ronald F. Gregoire – Incumbent - 3 Year Term

John E. Hiersche – Incumbent - 3 Year Term William J. Jolivet Jr. - Incumbent - 3 Year Term

Richard Olveira – Incumbent - 3 Year Term

Matias F. Goncalves – Incumbent - 3 Year Term

Representative Town Meeting Member Precinct 1:

Write In – Incumbent - 1 Year Unexpired Term

Representative Town Meeting Members Precinct 2:

Barbara A. Gondek – Incumbent - 3

Gerald J. Leger – Incumbent - 3 Year Term

John Pedro - Incumbent - 3 Year Term Representative Town Meeting Member Precinct 2:

Brian C. Fogg - Incumbent - 2 Year Unexpired Term

Heide E. Fogg - Incumbent - 2 Year Unexpired Term

Representative Town Meeting Member Precinct 2:

Jean S. Martins - Incumbent - 1 Year Unexpired Term

Representative Town Meeting Members Precinct 3:

Paul B. Cocchi - Incumbent - 3 Year Term

John Michael Diotalevi - Incumbent - 3 Year Term

Rebecca Gaffron - Incumbent - 3 Year Term

Richard T. Rusiecki - Incumbent - 3 Year Term

Carlton W. Leonard III - Incumbent -

Representative Town Meeting Member Precinct 3:

Write In - Incumbent - 1 Year Unexpired Term

Representative Town Meeting Members Precinct 4:

Fritz A. Huber Jr. - Incumbent - 3 Year Term

Richard A. Pasquini - Incumbent - 3
Year Term
Lee Winterton Incumbent 3 Year

Lee Winterton - Incumbent - 3 Year Term

Representative Town Meeting Member Precinct 4: Christopher I. Dupuis - Incumbent - 2

Christopher J. Dupuis - Incumbent - 2 Year Unexpired Term

Representative Town Meeting Member Precinct 4:

Julieta N. Hoeckh - Incumbent - 1 Year Unexpired Term

Representative Town Meeting Members Precinct 5:

Brian M. Mannix - Incumbent - 3 Year Term

Representative Town Meeting Member Precinct 5:

Write in - Incumbent - 2 Year Unexpired Term

Representative Town Meeting Member Precinct 5

Write in – Incumbent - 1 Year Unexpired Term

Representative Town Meeting Members Precinct 6

Peter C. Karalekas Jr. - Incumbent - 3 Year Term

Jerome D. Mayou - Incumbent - 3 Year Term

Michele Manganaro Thompson - Incumbent – 3 Year Term

Peter H. Zima - Incumbent – 3 Year Term

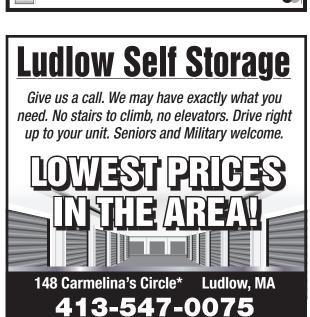
Representative Town Meeting Member Precinct 6

Write in – Incumbent - 2 Year Unexpired Term

For more information, call the Town Clerk's Office at 413-583-5600, ext. 1230.







TOWN OF LUDLOW RECREATION COMMISSION

The Ludlow Recreation Commission is accepting applications for summer seasonal positions: **Head Lifeguard:** must be 18 years of age, **Lifeguarding/First Aide, CPR, and Waterfront** certifications required to work at Haviland Pond - 37½ hr/wk - \$16.75 p/h **Lifeguard:** must be at least 16 years of age, **Lifeguarding/First Aide, CPR and Waterfront** certifications required to work at Haviland Pond - 37½ hr/wk - \$14.75 p/h (PAY RATES ARE PENDING TOWN MEETING APPROVAL)

Thompson Pool: **Headguard:** must be 18 years of age -37% hr/wk - \$15.75 p/h **Lifeguard:** must be 16 years of age -37% hr/wk - \$13.75 p/h Same certifications required (waterfront not required for pool)

(PAY RATES ARE PENDING TOWN MEETING APROVAL)

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Returned applications must include proof of valid certifications (must be valid through 9/7/20) or it will not be accepted and an interview will not be scheduled. A copy of a current physical is also required. Please state which position you are applying for: Pond or Pool.

THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.

Applications are available at Whitney Park from 5:30am-12:30pm or 3:00-6:00pm - March 16TH - April 3rd, 2020 by 4:00 p.m. Interviews will be on April 14TH. Any questions please call 583-8856, Monday-Friday. The Recreation Office is located at Whitney Park.

OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

What Congress represents

By Lee H. Hamilton Guest columnist

n one of the US Capitol hallways that House members pass through regularly to get to the chambers, there's an inscription of a comment by Alexander Hamilton. It comes from his 1788 remarks to the New York convention on ratifying the Constitution, and reads simply, "Here, Sir, the people govern."

I've always thought that was a pretty good summation of what Congress represents: it is a repository of the thoughts and will of the American people. And my impression is that a lot of Americans think highly of that idea, too. I've held a lot of public meetings over the years, and even in recent times, when Congress's public standing has been low, people often speak approvingly of the history of the institution itself; they're disappointed in how Congress performs, not in its role within our system. In all that time, I can't ever remember anyone saying we'd be better off with-

My experience in the House bore that belief out. Though there were always flaws, the process the House followed was focused on deliberation, debate, discussion... and then choosing a solution based more often than not on a rough consensus of its members. Even if I didn't agree with the results, I'd often listen to the debates and think, "I like the way this institution works.'

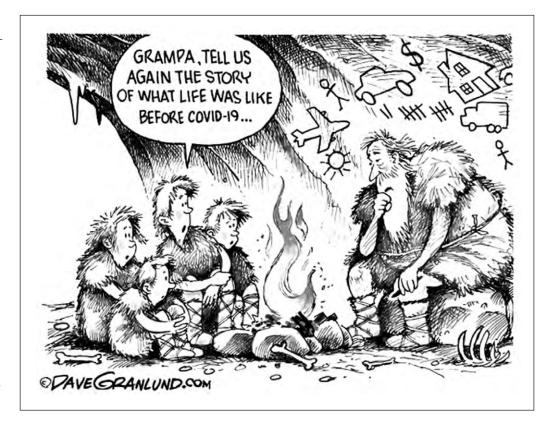
I still remember the time that Wilbur Mills, the powerful chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, came before the Democratic caucus to talk about the upcoming vote on establishing Medicare. I was a new, young representative, and when Mills told us that we easily had enough votes to ram the measure through over Republican objections, I and many others thought we should do exactly that. Mills, however, did not. He asked us to give him an opportunity to negotiate with Republicans and find ground that both sides could agree on, so that the bill could win support on both sides of the aisle. And that is exactly what he did.

Mills knew something that often gets forgotten these days, which is that the more broadly a piece of legislation reflects the American people, the greater its acceptability, effectiveness and staying power. If you're in Congress, you're reminded pretty much every day that giving a say to this diverse country is a choice. The body is made up of members who fiercely advocate for their views through speeches, contacts of all kinds and descriptions, public appearances, and trying to win the media over to their side. And the whole institution is a focal point for competing interests weighing in on difficult problems. It is a real cauldron.

All of these beliefs are represented in the Congress, and the legislative process is a key part of how the country works through that cacophony of competing interests. Debate, deliberation, calculation, compromise — it's an inefficient process that, for difficult issues, can go on for a long time. But over the course of our history, it's been reasonably productive.

This is why those of us who value the institution of the Congress - who actually believe in Hamilton's words — have lamented the trend of recent decades ceding power to the presidency. The Constitution is explicit: legislative power is vested in Congress. But if that power is not protected or goes unused, it does not merely evaporate; in our system, it flows to the presidency or the judiciary. And in doing so, it passes out of the hands of the body

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Get Your Pink On organizers thank community

On March 7th, more than 220 people came together for the 10th annual Get Your Pink On dinner at the Ludlow Country Club. In total, nearly \$20,000 was raised to directly benefit the Cancer Care Patient Fund at Mass General Cancer Center at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton. The Committee wanted to take a moment to thank a number of people for their generosity and assistance with this event:

Denise and Art Flanagan, who have run this fundraiser since the very beginning.

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Signed. Amanda Carpe and Michael Gove, Gove Law Office Sharon Dufour and Celia Fernandes, Luso Federal Credit Union Justin Calheno, Country Bank Jennifer Margolis,

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Not Pleased With Purple

Dear Editor,

On a joint meeting on February 18, 2020, the boards of DPW and Selectmen decided to end weekly trash, as of July 1, 2020, Ludlow residents will have to pay for purple bags, for all waste trash removal. The recycling will be spilt into 1 week glass plastic, and cardboard paper, that will save another \$100,000. Anyone keeping a running tally of the services being cut while taxes continue to rise?

Remember the Hamburg ad, "where's the beef"? Well I got one for these part timers that run Ludlow and it won't fit in a purple bag. I'll just be purple polite and

ask, where's the money? Police department running with less than needed personnel, roads that cost drivers in excess auto repair, no fire suppression north of Miller, many streets with no lights, more than half the houses on well and septic, new elementary school with no air conditioning or green consideration for cost of operation, with a flat roof to save money, to mention a scant few.

So where's the money go in Ludlow? Don't hold your breath for an answer, or you'll turn purple waiting.

Carlton Leonard

New Sports Complex

Dear Editor,

As a student athlete here at Ludlow High School, I strongly believe that I speak on behalf of most students and especially athletes when I say that attending games of all the different sports that LHS has to offer is something we all enjoy and look forward to. A lot of students show their spirit and support for schoolmates by cheering on the teams from the stands which is a wonderful feeling not only for the crowd but especially for the players. Unfortunately, without your help, this could be taken away. The sports complex here at LHS is no longer in working shape. The track has deteriorated and has become a health hazard and the soccer/football field has been torn apart. I

had really been looking forward to playing soccer and running track for the high school but now It's difficult to go for a run on the track or play a game of soccer with some friends without being fearful of an injury. If these improvements don't get made the conditions will continue to worsen and the cancellation of all home games, for most sports, is already looking likely. My high school experience, that I have always dreamed of, will never happen if this isn't fixed.

Sincerely, Riley Londraville Class of 2023

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Pre-start cannas now!

was trying to think up a good indoor gardening project that the girls could help me with over their unexpected break from school. How about pre-starting some canna rhizomes? I have a few overwintering in the mudroom and if I start the now they'll be good-sized by May. Read on.

Cannas are gorgeous plants for the summer border. Their large, paddle-shaped leaves and fist-sized clusters of vivid-toned flowers add an exotic touch to beds and container plantings. Sometimes, however, a gardener's initial experience with this tender bulb leads to disappointment rather than delight. The plant may take most of the season to reach its mature height and come into flower, only to be struck down by frost a few weeks later. Why not give your cannas a head start? By potting them up now you will get blooms earlier in the season and be able to enjoy wonderful tropical foliage for a longer period.

If you are shopping for canna rhizomes for the first time, you will no doubt find a better selection through mail order nurseries than the local gar-

den center. Standard varieties can grow upwards of six feet tall, whereas dwarf cultivars top off at two or three feet. Choose carefully! All will do best if planted in full sun and fertile soil. Some cannas even make great water specimens. When you place your order, mention to the operator that you'd like your bulbs as soon as it is safe enough for them to be sent in the mail without risk of freezing, otherwise you will likely receive them close to Memorial Day, which is too late for indoor planting.

When your package arrives, unpack it immediately. Canna rhizomes will come in small plastic bags filled with peat moss. At the very least, they should be about the size of your thumb; sometimes they are even double that in width. They ought to be firm, not at all soft. To pot them up, choose a container that is a couple of inches bigger than the rhizome when it is laid out horizontally; one six to eight inches in diameter is usually ideal. Fill the pot about half way with a good quality moistened potting soil. Lay the rhizome on top with leaf buds pointing up. Any hairy roots, new

or old can fall to the side. Cover with two inches of soil. If your finished product reaches the rim, reposition so that you have at least an inch deep "basin" on top to make watering well easier. Place the pots in a warm location and continue to water as needed. When the first sprouts appear, move the canna plants to a sunny window or place under grow lights. By mid-May you can

start to harden the plants off outdoors by gradually exposing them to bright sun, wind and fluctuating temps. After a week to 10 days of acclimatization, and if there are no frosts in the forecast, cannas can be removed from their pots and planted in their permanent summer location. A shovelful of compost in the planting hole along with supplemental fertilizer every couple of weeks will result in big, floriferous plants fast!

Be sure to save your cannas from year to year; it's easy and makes great sense money-wise. I have had the same



Roberta McQuaid Columnist

Wyoming' cannas going for well over a decade now. After a light frost, dig up the plants and let them dry briefly. Then, cut the foliage away from the rhizomes and store them at 50 degrees in boxes or tubs filled with peat moss. As mentioned, my mudroom is the perfect spot in my house. I am sure there is a place in yours too. After the second season you

will have enough divisions to share with family and friends; much to their delight.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley. com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In regards to the Ludlow track and field issue:

I am not personally against the track and field project in town, however I do not feel that this is the right time for this. Although I do have athletes in the high school and they would most definitely benefit from this I also do not want to burden our children in the future with taxes that they cannot withstand. I'd also like to point out that this is not just 'a cup of coffee a day' that you are giving up because everyone's lifestyle is different and some of us do live paycheck to paycheck and cannot afford another tax increase. If this project is approved our tax rate will be higher than the majority of surrounding communities at almost \$22! The maximum tax rate is \$25 and that is per \$1,000 of the value of your

home. I have lived in this community for 23 years. My taxes have doubled over the last 7 years!

Let us not forget our Town is also negotiating the future of our trash removal as well so we will have that to contend with soon. The state is proposing new gas taxes on us and we don't know who will be President in 2021, which could also impact us as well.

I beg the community to educate yourselves as to what this project is going to do to our taxes and to please go out and vote on March 23rd. I will be voting NO!

> Sincerely, Elizabeth Page

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that most closely represents the American people.

When President Trump talks of the presidency as if there were no check on it, as if, as president, he is beyond the reach of the law or of Congress, members of Congress on both sides of the aisle rightly disagree. Sometimes they serve effectively as a check, sometimes not. Sometimes partisanship gets the better of them. But for better or worse, Congress remains the spot where the cross-currents of American popular

opinion have their best chance of being heard, listened to and acted upon. That's one power members should nev-

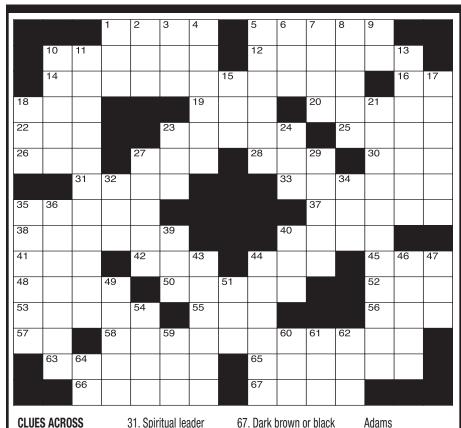
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Quilt show to be held May 2 and 3

SPRINGFIELD - A quilt show will be presented by the Pioneer Valley Quilters on Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Elks Lodge #61, 440 Tiffany St., Springfield. Admission is \$10; free for 12 and under. There is free parking.

An award-winning quilt to be raffled as well as many baskets of fun items. Items and food for sale. Lots of fun and beautiful quilts on display. Visit the group's website at www.pvquilt.org. For more information specifically about the quilt show, email foy18@comcast.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Currency of Guinea 5. Avert something bad
- 10. Sounds
- 12. Immediate dangers
- 14. Legendary Tar Heels coach
- 16. Californium 18. Work standards
- government dept. (abbr.)
- 19. Coastal Scottish town
- 20. Triangular lower back 50. Turkic language
- bones
- 22. Trouble 23. A way to smile 25. Something that is not
- what it seems
- 26. Of she 27. Temporary living quarters
- 28. Bag-like structure in a plant or animal 30. Indicates near
- 63. An evening party 65. National capital of Zambia 66. Tantalizes

31. Spiritual leader

35. Philippine island

fashionable

40. Alabama football

42. Digital audiotape

33. Soup dish

37. No longer

team

41. King Cole

44. Open trough

45. The woman

48. Cools down

52. Body part

53. Pulse steadily

56. Indicates shape

57. Thou (plural)

55. Embedded computer

58. Odd and remarkable

hardware company

38. Peaks

- - **CLUES DOWN**
- 2. Exclamation of pain
 - 3. Polynesian garland of flowers
 - 4. Surrounded by water
 - 5. Church towers
 - 6. Hot beverage
 - 7. Body parts
 - 8. Travel documents
- 9. Railway 10. Gradually wear away
- 11. Measuring instrument
- 13. Minor dust-ups
- 15. Strongly alkaline solution
- 17. Extreme scarcity of
- food
- 18. Dash 21. Philly culinary
- specialty 23. Popular lager

24. Snitch 27. Trimmed

Adams

- 1. Not naturally outgoing 29. Greek god of desire 32. Take to the limit
 - 34. Cool!
 - 35. Sound mental health 36. Native American
 - group 39. Test for high schoolers
 - 40. Rocky peak 43. Preferences
 - 44. Bother
 - 46. Call attention to (slang)
 - 47. Snake-like fish
 - 49. Bulgarian capital 51. Don't know when yet
 - 54. Italian Seaport
 - 59. Brooklyn hoopster
 - 60. Where to bathe
 - 61. Equal, prefix
 - 62. Beverage container
 - 64. Denotes openness

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DCR announces 2020 Arbor Day Poster Contest for students

BOSTON — Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Jim Montgomery last week announced the theme of the agency's 2020 fifth-grade Arbor Day Poster Contest: "Trees Please." Fifth graders from around the state enrolled in both public and private schools, as well as home-schooled students, are encouraged to participate in the annual Arbor Day Poster Contest by creating posters highlighting this year's theme. Schools are then asked to host a poster contest to determine the winner. The winning poster from each school can then be submitted to the agency for review. Home schooled or non-participating school students may submit their posters and enter the contest individually.

"Trees are not only beautiful, but play a key role in the health of our environment, and I'm thrilled that each year fifth graders demonstrate this importance by participating in the Department of Conservation and Recreation's annual Arbor Day Poster Contest," said DCR Commissioner Jim Montgomery. "I look forward to 2020's creative entries from students throughout the Commonwealth highlighting this year's theme 'Trees Please'."

First place prizes for the DCR Arbor Day Poster Contest include a tree planting ceremony at the winner's school, a certificate for art and science supplies, and more. Second Place, Third Place, and Honorable Mention winners will also receive art and science supplies.

"The Arbor Day Poster Contest is a good chance for students to creatively express what they've learned," said Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeffrey C. Riley. "I hope that many of our fifth grade artists, scientists, activists, and arborists take the challenge."

Trees offer many benefits to people and to the environment, including the reduction in energy use for heating and cooling; the cleansing of both water and air; the reduction of noise pollution; the beautification of communities; and providing of habitats for wildlife.

This year's theme, "Trees Please" is designed to highlight the importance of

trees within Massachusetts's communities and diverse landscapes throughout the state. Additionally, the Arbor Day Poster Contest combines both art and science in an effort to instill the vital role trees have on the public's daily lives. The DCR Urban and Community Forestry Program, with support from the U.S. Forest Service, sponsors the annual contest for fifth graders across the Commonwealth.

Posters must be submitted by March 15, and the contest is open to all students currently enrolled in the fifth grade. An Arbor Day Poster Contest Guide is available on the DCR website or can be obtained by contacting Mollie Freilicher, 413-577-2966 or mollie freilicher@mass.

USDA announces 2020 application ranking dates for conservation programs

AMHERST – Do you own or manage farmland or forest land in Massachusetts? Could you use some technical and financial help in managing it more effectively? The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service encourages you to sign up for conservation assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Agricultural Management Assistance program. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year; however, the next ranking batching date will be March 20, 2020.

You may apply for NRCS conservation programs at any time; complete applications are ranked for funding in batches periodically throughout the year. All applications determined eligible and high priority by close of business on the ranking date will be considered in the current funding cycle.

Application ranking dates, pending available funds, are scheduled for March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, and August 21 for the remainder of 2020. Ranking dates and the application process are subject to change. Contact your local field office for the latest information. For more information on available programs, the application process, and natural resource priorities, visit the Massachusetts NRCS website at www.ma.nrcs.usda.gov.

"If you operate a farm or manage for-

est land and want to improve your land, we can help," said Dan Wright, State Conservationist for NRCS in Massachusetts. "You can discuss your vision for your land with one of our conservation planners, who will explain the conservation planning process and how to apply for financial assistance."

EQIP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers and forest land owners to address natural resource concerns through an array of conservation practices. Assistance is available to support private land owners and managers in addressing farm, field, forest, wildlife, water, and/or plant management issues including: Erosion control; farm and forestry conservation plans; fencing for grazing systems; forest stand improvement; grazing plans; irrigation systems; pasture and hayland planting; pollinator habitat; protection of heavy use areas for livestock; restoration and management of declining habitat; riparian buffers; seasonal high tunnels; soil health management plans; waste storage facilities; and wildlife habitat management and devel-

The AMA program provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to voluntarily address issues such as water management, water quality, and erosion control by incorporating conservation into their farming operations.

Massachusetts producers may construct or improve water management structures or irrigation structures; plant trees for windbreaks or to improve water quality; and mitigate risk through production diversification or resource conservation practices, including soil erosion control, integrated pest management, or transition to organic farming.

Area residents can find out more information on the program by contacting the USDA-NRCS Hadley field office at 413-585-1000, ext. 3, which serves Hampden and Hampshire counties.

Some of the EQIP funding will be provided to farmers and forest landowners via the Regional Conservation Partnership Program, which encourages partner organizations to join in efforts with producers to increase the restoration and sustainable use of soil, water, wildlife and related natural resources on regional or watershed scales. Through the RCPP program, NRCS and its partners help producers install and maintain conservation activities in selected project areas. Partners leverage RCPP funding in project areas and report on the benefits achieved.

NRCS is a federal agency that works hand-in-hand with conservation districts and the people of Massachusetts to improve and protect soil, water and other natural resources.

HCC Foundation opens 2020-21 scholarship season

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Community College Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2020-2021 academic year.

More than \$200,000 in awards is available for incoming, continuing and transferring HCC students.

The application deadline is Wednesday, March 25, 2020.

Students must be currently enrolled at HCC or have been accepted for the upcoming academic year to be eligible for scholarships, which are awarded through the HCC Foundation, HCC's nonprofit fundraising corporation.

Applicants need only fill out a single online form to be automatically matched with the scholarships they are most qualified to receive. There are scholarships for new students, current students and students transferring to other institutions, scholarships based on financial need, scholarships for student in specific majors, scholarships for residents of certain communities, and scholarships that recognize academic achievement.

To begin the application process, go to www.hcc.edu/scholarships.

Questions should be directed to the HCC Foundation office at 413-552-2182 or Donahue 170 on the HCC campus, 303 Homestead Ave.



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Open Cup postponed, no makeup date yet announced



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Daniel Fabian converges with an opponent for possession of the ball during the Pioneers last Open Cup appearance in 2018.

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The Western Mass. Pioneers have made a total of 11 appearances in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, which is the oldest ongoing national soccer competition in the United States, since 1998.

The Pioneers have been invited by U.S. Soccer to participate in the 107th edition of the elite tournament after not qualifying a year ago.

But the Pioneers will have to wait a while before it has the opportunity to take part in the event after the coronavirus pandemic has led to the event being postponed.

The Pioneers were originally scheduled to play GPS Portland on Tuesday, March 24.

"We're very excited to be playing in another Open Cup match at Lusitano Stadium," said Pioneers General Manager Greg Kolodziey. "It's always a fun tournament and it's a very good opportunity for the boys to play against some very good teams."

In the past, the Open Cup has always started in May, but U.S. Soccer decided to begin this year's tournament a couple of months earlier. With the

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Louis Tambini changes directions with the ball and heads for the goal. The 2020 Open Cup will be delayed.



Kyle Tomas moves toward the goal and goes for a shot during the 2018 match.

Sports world crippled by coronavirus

By Gregory A. Scibelli gscibelli@turley.com

It feels like to some, the sports world has been literally the "most" affected by the spread of the coronavirus.

Changes are happening every day related to the virus so much in fact that our weekly papers had a very tough time keeping up with them last week.

Now, the changes have started to slow down, because here in Western Massachusetts, there is not much more that can be done to bring the world to a crawl.

Even before many schools made the decision at the end of last week to close their doors for two weeks, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association closed down the conclusion of the state tournament, shut fans out, and delayed the start of the spring sports season by at least two weeks.

But is delaying spring sports by two weeks really a new concept in Massachusetts? Absolutely not. Excessive March snow and cold temperatures slowing the melting process has delayed baseball and softball seasons for between one and two weeks for the last few years. Last year, the regular season was extended by a week to accommodate the poor weather for the springtime and give schools a chance to play all their regular season games.

The only disappointing part for many athletes, is that it appeared for a while we had an early spring coming with baseball and softball fields already drained, and the grass lacrosse fields just about fit for play on the actual days teams are supposed to open in late March.

But like Major League Baseball, which delayed the start of its season, the start of the spring sports season cannot go on.

The MIAA has also mandated that coaches are not able to have anything to do with their teams, much like the current rules that exist during sport offseasons. That means, with two weeks off from school and no coaching guidance, and then add in almost no facilities to use, athletes will be on their own to stay in shape and be ready to go if the MIAA allows spring practices to begin on March 30.

But that is not the only piece of the sports world that is affected. So many youth organizations and parks departments have also been forced to stop practices and seasons and tournaments due to concern for the coronavirus.

During the past week, the 36th iteration of the Szlats Memorial Tournament was just halted after only two days of competition by the tournament committee because Chicopee Public Schools had to shut down their facilities.

Other great season-ending events were shut down as well, including banquets and all-star games. The 2020 High School Senior All-Star Game held at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame was cancelled. The game was originally set for Thursday, March 19, but Gov. Charlie Baker has barred any gathering with more than 250 people. The games drawn a few thousand throughout the evening.

What could hurt the athletes most is the uncertainty. Spring sports are shut down for two weeks right now. But it is possible that could be extended, or worse, cancelled all together. Unfortunately, those options are on the table. The MIAA most

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Mendes takes helm for Legends FC

LAS VEGAS — Las Vegas Legends FC has named Rogério Mendes of Ludlow, Mass. the new women's team head coach, the soccer club announced last week. The team is among the latest to join the Women's Premier Soccer League (WPSL) as a 2020 expansion team.

"From youth World Cup to former WPSL players, the wealth of experience being showcased on the Legends women's coaching staff is exceptional," stated Mendes. "Las Vegas has gained traction as a major sports city and I'm proud to lead this qualified team. This league's expansion offers opportunities to female players in the Las Vegas Valley to compete at a national level with the necessary resources to win national titles."

Mendes, a coach of over 20 years, possesses a National A License from the United States Soccer Federation (USSF.) He has managed a women's USL W-League team, coached a U17 women's Massachusetts ODP team and won a women's California Interscholastic Fed-



Submitted photo

Rogerio Mendes, a native of Ludlow, was named the new head coach of the Las Vegas Legends FC.

eration (CIF) championship in San Diego. He will be assisted by a coaching staff that includes Nelson Medina, Pedram Mahinpey, Keren Sharabi, Mike Madrid, Mckenzie Karas and Romilio Gomez.

"Attending games as a child with my father at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow, Mass.

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State tournament halted before finals, Road Race cancelled

By Gregory A. Scibelli gscibelli@turley.com

REGION – Last week, the sports world was changed forever when the coronavirus pandemic cancelled the MIAA state championship games, and the professional sports world went into a domino effect that has led to the stoppage of play in all games and tournaments.

As the situation developed, the MIAA had started to play the state championship semifinal games, which included Minnechaug and Monson girls basketball.

But midway through the Monson game, it was announced that all semifinal winners would be considered "co-state champions."

Monson's game was one of a few that was played without fans before sporting events were stopped altogether in an effort exercise a new buzzword known as "social distancing."

Locally, one of the biggest impacts to the area occurred last Tuesday afternoon when Holyoke Mayor Alex Morse announced the cancellation of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, and with it, the popular St. Patrick's Road Race, which was set to kick off on Saturday, March 21

The event is cancelled and will not be made up due to the immense amount of



File photos

Top racers from last year's St. Patrick's Day Road Race warm up right before race time.

planning and work with sponsors, public safety, sanitation, and other officials needed to make the event happen.

"It's not something you can just postpone for a couple of weeks and then make it happen," a city official said at Morse's press conference on Tuesday.

The cancellation has brought forth a lot of disbelief and disappointment in the amount of disturbance the coronavirus has caused in the past two weeks.

The St. Patrick's Day Road Race was

also considered a major preparation step for local runners who then move on to participate in the Patriots Day tradition, the Boston Marathon. However, that race has since also been postponed from its scheduled date of Monday, April 20. Tentatively, Gov. Charlie Baker and Boston Mayor Marty Walsh have moved the big race to Monday, Sept. 14. Baker said at a news conference his administration planned to file legislation to hold the race on that date.



The Minnechaug Regional High School girls basketball team was in action earlier this week as the MIAA State Tournament held semifinals. The finals were called off.

The MIAA hockey finals were also scrapped. They were set to take placed last weekend at the TD Garden in Boston, which is now completely shut down from having events since Baker lowered the gathering ban to 25 people.

In neighboring Connecticut, the CIAC, the organization that oversees the state's high school sports has cancelled the reminder of the state tournaments for basketball, hockey, and other remaining sports that have competitions.

Athlete of the Week

NAME: Rodrio Mendes TOWN: Ludlow

The Ludlow native recently was named as the head coach for the Las Vegas Legends FC team.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.





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recently released this statement on Saturday, March 14.

"The MIAA staff equally shares in these emotions and the existing heartbreak which has resulted due to canceled games, shortened seasons and disruption to exciting school activities, trips and opportunities.

As we face these uncharted waters, be confident in knowing the MIAA staff is well and is readily available to you with guidance, support, resources and kindness. Our office is open and functioning. Scheduled meetings are moving forward in person or via tele- and/ or video-conferencing, as organized by each MIAA sport liaison. Communication regarding the status of the spring season will be forthcoming following necessary discussions this coming week."

Turley Sports will continue to monitor the situation and bring you news whenever we can.

Valley Wheel Baseball looking for new players

REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for the upcoming 2020 season, which is set to begin near the end of April. The league is seeking players ages 28 and up. Players turning 28 this year are eligible. However, only players 30 and older can pitch. The league plays 15 regular season games with games being held mostly on Sundays with a couple of weekday games thrown in the mix as well as a special Mother's Day Saturday game in ear-

ly May. The league is built on comradery, fair play, and having a good time with friends. If interested in trying out, go to www.valleywheelbaseball.com. The rules of the league and new player forms can be found on the site. For further information, you can contact the league's commissioner, Jim Nason at wheel12@comcast. net or call him at (413) 433-4308. Tryouts will be taking place in the early weeks of April, weather permitting, with a draft following the tryouts.

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ban on large events, it looks like the Cup may have to wait until May again.

"Because of our league rules, we won't have access to any of the college players until the start of the regular season in May," Kolodziey said. "We'll have to piece together a roster for our first Open Cup game. We do have some older players from last year's team that should be available to us. We'll be signing players during the next couple of weeks."

Federico Molinari will be returning as the Pioneers head coach.

The last time that the Pioneers won an Open Cup match was in 2014 when they defeated Mass. Premier Soccer, 4-1 at home in the first round. They then lost, 2-1, to the Rochester Rhinos (USL Pro) in a second-round road match. The Pioneers suffered first round losses at Lusitano Stadium in 2015, 2017, and 2018.

"We haven't had very much luck playing in the Open Cup during the past couple of years," Kolodziey said. "We're hoping to turn things around this year."

The Pioneers did have a very memorable 2019 campaign. They finished the

regular season with an 11-0-3 record and captured the Northeast Division title. The Western Mass. squad defeated North Carolina Fusion U-23 by the final score of 3-1 in the conference semifinals before losing to host Reading United AC 1-0 in the finals.

"We had a good group of players and it was a very good season for us last year," Kolodziey said. "We're hoping to qualify for the league playoffs again this year."

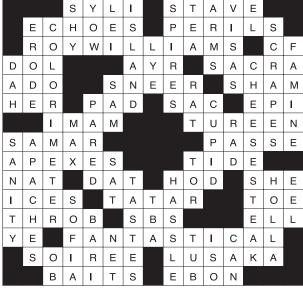
GPS Portland Phoenix also made the league playoffs last year and they lost 2-1 to Reading United in the semifinals.

The Pioneers are currently scheduled to play at GPS Portland Phoenix to kick off the 2019 regular season on May 9. They'll be playing at AC Connecticut the following week before hosting GPS Portland in the home opener on May 22. The Pioneers are scheduled to play five more regular season home matches.

There has not been any further information on the regular season schedule and it is possible the season will open without any delays since it is not set to begin until May.

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is how my passion for soccer was inspired. Soccer is part of the culture there so naturally, it is where my coaching career began," he stated. Mendes coached

for the Western Mass Ju-

nior Pioneers (now known as the Western United Pioneers), at East Longmeadow and West Springfield high schools and was a director of the Western Mass Lady Pioneers.

Mendes added, "Player development has always been at the core, no matter where I coach in the world or at which level."

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Factors to consider before choosing a summer camp

Adults often look back fondly on their childhood experiences at summer camp. Camps can provide the opportunity to form lifelong friendships and discover rewarding hobbies that can enrich campers' lives for decades to come.

Choosing a summer camp is no small task, as the options at families' disposal range from overnight camps to weekday afternoon camps to camps that specialize in certain programs, such as music or dance. Cost also is likely to factor into families' decisions, as the American Camp Association notes that cost can vary greatly depending on which camp families choose. For example, the ACA notes

that the average daily fee at a resident camp is \$85, while the same fee at a day camp is \$43.

When looking for a summer camp for kids, families should make the decision together. Kids should be involved in the selection process, as they're more likely to have an enjoyable camp experience if they had a say in where they will be spending their summers. The following are some factors families should consider as they look for summer camps, courtesy of the ACA.

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child's interests and personality before choosing a summer camp. Parents might want their children to attend the same summer camp they visited as youngsters, but each child is different. Just because mom and dad liked a particular camp does not mean their children will. The ACA notes that summer camps should align with children's interests and maturity level.

Locale

Locale may only be a consideration for families considering overnight camps.

Kids will likely be familiar with the locations of local day camps, but overnight camps might be set in mountain ranges, near the ocean or environments less familiar to youngsters. Kids who love the ocean might benefit from oceanfront camps that focus on marine biology, boating or other activities involving the water. In the same vein, youngsters who like camping and hiking might be more likely to embrace camps located in mountain-



ous regions.

Session length

Camps may last as little as one week or up to a couple of months. Session length should be considered by families looking at both local day camps and overnight resident camps. Parents who want their children to enjoy a largely schedule-free summer might not want to commit their children to lengthy camp sessions, even if those sessions are close to home. If par-



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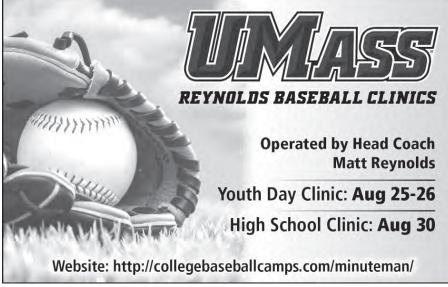
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DBITUARIES

DEATH NOTICES

Amos, Grace S. Died March 11, 2020 Celebration of Life at a later date First Church in Ludlow

Desilets, Celia F. (Fidalgo)

Died March 11, 2020 Funeral Services March 19, 2020 St. Elizabeth Parish

Gauthier, Kenneth R., Jr. Died March 8, 2020

Visitation March 17, 2020 Nowak Funeral & Cremation Services

Johnston, Bruce G. Died March 1, 2020 **Funeral Services** March 21, 2020 Union Church of Christ

Lawrence, Winifred

Died February 14, 2020 SERVICE CHANGE Visitation June 5, 2020 Kapinos Mazur Funeral Home Funeral Mass June 6, 2020 St. Elizabeths Parish

Leandro, Jaime. (Dominique) Died March 8, 2020 Celebration of Life March 14, 2020

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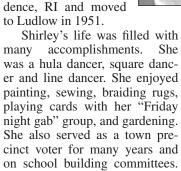
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Grace Shirley Amos, 93

LUDLOW - Grace "Shirley" Amos, 93, of Ludlow, beloved wife of the late Charles T. Amos, entered into eternal peace on Wednesday, March 11, 2020. She was born and raised in Provito Ludlow in 1951.



and fundraisers. Shirley's true love in life was her family. She is survived by her five children: Tom Amos and his wife Maxine of Palmer. Peter Amos of Ludlow, Cheryl

Shirley loved her church and

participated in many functions



Moutinho and her husband Carmin of Ludlow, Kathie Morrison of Holyoke and Debra Amos of Belchertown. She also leaves seven grandchildren: Jill, Christi, Paul, Jay, Cole, Emma and Jeff. Shirley was adoringly

known as "GG" by her ten great grandchildren: Hailey, Grace, Sarah, Riley, Harper, Owen, Peter, Charlie, Tessa and MacKen-

A celebration of her life will be held at First Church in Ludlow, 859 Center Street, Ludlow at a later date out of concern for our friends and neighbors the coronavirus regarding scare.

Donations in Shirley's memory may be made to the First Church in Ludlow, 859 Center Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 or to a charity of your choice.

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Celia F. Desilets, 98

LUDLOW - Celia F. (Fidalgo) Desilets, 98, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on March 11, 2020 surrounded by her loving family. Born in Ludlow, daughter of the late Joseph and Rosalina (Zina) Fidal-

where she was a graduate of

Ludlow High School, a faithful

communicant of St. Elizabeth

Parish and member of it's St.

Anne's Sodality, a member of

the former Portuguese Amer-

ican Citizens Club, and active

in the Ludlow Senior Cen-

ter. Celia also graduated from

the Springfield Comptometer

School and Bay Path School of

Business and went on to work

for Westinghouse before return-

ing home to raise her family.

In her spare time, she enjoyed

knitting, needlepoint, garden-

ing, reading, shopping, cook-

ing, baking, playing cards, and

rooting on the Boston Red Sox.

Above all, her greatest joy was

entertaining at her house and

hosting family gatherings and

holidays; as well as the time

she spent with her family, es-

pecially with her grandchildren

and great-grandchildren, whom

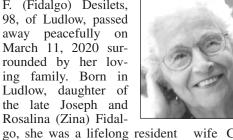
she adored. Celia was the be-

Desilets (2006), who was the

love of her life; a loving moth-

er to Paul Desilets, of Ludlow,

loved wife of the late Armand



and Celene Filip and husband Gerard, of West Springfield; a devoted grandmother to Tammy Russell and husband Michael, of West Springfield, Gerard Filip, Jr. and wife Maggie, of Ludlow, Nathan Filip and

wife Caitlin, of Holden, and Jenna Rosado, of West Springfield; a cherished great-grandmother to Michael and Ryan Russell, Jonathan Rosado, Jr., and Christopher, Vyla, Kiernan, Cayson, Gabriel, Lyla, and Pippa Filip; a dear sister to the late Arthur, Joseph, and Limpio Fidalgo, Diolinda Breault, Mary Sanogueira, and Wilhemina Sorcinelli; and also leaves many loving extended family members and dear friends. Visiting hours for Celia are on Wednesday, March 18th from 4:00-7:00pm in Ludlow FuneralHome. Funeral services are on Thursday, March 19th at 9:00am from the funeral home with Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:00am in St. Elizabeth Parish followed by burial in Island Pond Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Celia's memory to the Alzheimer's Association (Alz.org) or St. Elizabeth Parish, Ludlow.

For additional information, please visit www.ludlowfuneralhome.com

veloped a passion for interior design and DIY projects, becoming adept at bringing whatever beautiful vision she had to Her greatest joy and love was her family. Her upbeat spirit was a ray of sunshine to all who knew her. Known for her one of a kind sense of humor, her big heart, and her magical way

to make them laugh. She is survived by her husband Jason Leandro, their three children Leo, Zoe and Eva, her parents Ellen (Phenner) Dominique and Gary Dominique;

of bringing the fun, Jaime drew

people to her because she was

always herself — and was sure

Jaime L. Leandro, 41

FRAMINGHAM

Jaime L. (Domi-

nique) Leandro, 41,

formerly of Ludlow,

passed away on Sun-

day, March 8, 2020

surrounded by her

loving family. Daugh-

ter of Gary and Ellen

nique, she was born in

Domi-

Springfield on August 11, 1978.

Jaime was a graduate of Ludlow

High. She earned a bachelor's

degree in fine arts from Bridge-

water State College where she

created stunning paintings and

sculpture. She went on to paint

playful murals for the nurseries

of friends and clients. She de-

(Phenner)

grandfather Francis Dominique; (Bucky) mother-in-law Irene (Ribeiro) Leandro and father-in-law Jack Leandro; her brother Jeffrey Dominique and sister-in-law Toni (Avola) Dominique, her sister Melissa (Dominique) Conserva

and brother-in-law Corey Conserva; brother-in-law Jeffrey Leandro and sister-in-law Tara (Shea) Leandro; sister-in-law Jennifer (Leandro) Silva and brother-in-law Joel Silva; nieces and nephews Gigi, Luciana, Fiona, Liam, Samuel, and Noelle; and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Jaime was predeceased by her grandparents Bernice (Couture) Phenner, Albert L. Phenner, Jr., and Alice (Brochu) Dominique.

Please join the family in a celebration of Jaime's life on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home, 64 Sewall Street, Ludlow, Massachusetts. Calling hours are 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. with a service immediately following. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family's GoFund-Me "Jaime's Fight" campaign which will be directed to a fund for Jaime's children.For more information please go to www. kapinosmazurfh@aol.com.

Bruce Gordon Johnston, 67

GRAY, Maine Bruce Gordon Johnston of Gray, Maine died unexpectedly on March 1, 2020. He was born Nov 16, 1952 to Gordon and Lillian Johnston and spent his early years in Ludlow and Wil-



spent most of his time helping

others. He loved fishing, hunt-

ing and spending summers on

his boat. He had many friends

in Maine and Mass and traveled

He leaves his son Kevin Johnston of Massachusetts, his sister, Carol Renell (George Renell) of Gray, ME his mother

frequently between the

two states. He was a

lifetime member of the

NRA.

Lillian Johnston of Windham ME, His Aunt Marjorie Munroe of Ludlow MA and a niece, Sarah Renell of Portland and a nephew Brian Renell of Darien, IL and numerous cousins.

Services will be on March 21st at 11:00 am at union church of Christ. 51 center street, Ludlow Ma 01056. Arrangements are entrusted to Dennett, Craig & Pate Funeral home and Cremation, 365 Main St, Saco.

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EVENTS

QUILT SHOW will be presented by the Pioneer Valley Quilters on Saturday, May 2, and Sunday, May 3, at the Elks Lodge #61, 440 Tiffany St., Springfield. Admission is \$10; free for 12 and under. Free parking. An award-winning quilt to be raffled as well as many baskets of fun items. Items and food for sale. Lots of fun and beautiful quilts on display. Visit the group's website at www.pvquilt.org. For more information specifically about the quilt show, email foy18@comcast.

TRIPS

The Polish American Veterans of Wilbraham are planning the following trips in 2020.

"CATS" at Proctors Theater in Schenectady, N.Y. Thursday, April 30. Package includes roundtrip deluxe motor coach. Free time at Rivers Casino with \$20 slot play and \$10 meal credit. Matinee performance of "Cats," meals taxes and gratuities. Cost is \$100 per person, with \$50 due at sign up. Final payment due March 25. Bus de-

QUEEN ESTHER The three-day tour to see "Queen Esther" in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Aug. 26 to 28 includes deluxe motor coach, two nights at the Bird in Hand Inn, two breakfast buffets at the hotel. Dinner show "Josiah for President" (Dinner #1) and Miller's Smorgasbord (Dinner #2). "Queen Esther" will have reserved orchestra seats up front. There will be Mount Hope Winery visit, Bird in Hand Farmers Market and Sands Casino visit. There will be a Stop at Mastoris Kitchen Kettle Village and Longwood Gardens. Portchester Diner on return home (meal on own). Baggage handling, all taxes and driver's gratuity included Cost is \$455 for double occupancy, \$435 for triple occupancy and \$575 for single. Deposit of \$75 at sign up, balance due July 15. Cancellation protection \$39 per person. Bus departs 7 a.m.

DOLLY & KENNY at The Stadium Theater, Woonsocket, Rhode Island on Thursday, Sept. 24. Bringing back Dave & Karen for a second show. Sold out the first show. Package includes motor coach transportation, chicken dinner at Wrights Chicken Restaurant. natinee tribute show with Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers, meal taxes and gratuities. Karen Hester is Dolly Parton and David Karl is Kenny Rogers. Cost is \$92 per person. Final payment due Aug. 28. Bus departs 10 a.m. from PAV. 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Or-

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For more information on any of the above trips or to reserve a seat call Rich Gosciminski at 413-583-4610. Make checks payable to Polish American Veterans. Mail to Rich Gosciminski, 149 Center St., Apt. #1, Ludlow, MA, 01056. All trips depart from P.A.V, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard, MA.

VERMONT - July 27-30, 2020 - Deluxe hotel in downtown Burlington, Church Street Marketplace. Shelburne Museum. Hildene Lincoln Estate, dinner cruise on Lake Champlain, Stowe aerial gondola up Mt. Mansfield, Rock of Ages Granite Factory & Quarry tour, Ben & Jerry's tour, Trapp Family Lodge lunch, Quechee Gorge, Cold Hollow Cider, Woodstock, Vermont Country Store; seven meals, luggage handling, driver and guide gratuities included: \$1,099 pp doubles. Contact Jim Martin at 413-583-6339 or jamesImartin47@ gmail.com.

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9 TO 5 MUSICAL The Catholic Woman's Club of the Diocese of Springfield invites area residents to join the club for a bus trip to see "9 to 5 The Musical" by Dolly Parton, at the Westchester-Broadway Theatre in Elmsford, N.Y., on Wednesday, Sept. 9. The bus leaves the Big Y parking lot in Ludlow at 7:30 a.m. and. returns about 7:30 p.m. Attendees can choose their lunch entree off the menu. Tickets are \$100 and seating is assigned as checks are received. The deadline for payment is June 20. Call Ruth at 413-531-3506 for more information.

SOUTH AFRICA - Oct. 14-26 and Oct. 26-Nov. 7, 2020 - Two departures to choose from, each13 days with 20 meals. Visit Cape Town and Johannesburg including Soweto and the home of Nelson Mandela. Spend four days in Kruger and Chobe Nat'l Parks with eight safari game drives, and two days at Victoria Falls, the world's largest waterfall. \$6,995 pp doubles includes air, 4-star accommodations, transfers, ALL gratuities and much more. Contact Jim Martin at 413-583-6339 or jameslmartin47@

SAN ANTONIO HOLIDAY - Dec. 3-7, 2020 -

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March 18-March 24

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FAITH COMMUNITY CHAPEL 485 EAST ST. LUDLOW, MA 01056 413-583-7875

www.faithcommunitychapel.org email: faithcommunitychapel8@gmail.com Pastor Jon P. Scott Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m.

Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 10:30 a.m. Fellowship with coffee and donuts 11 a.m. Worship Service See Faith Community Chapel Facebook for updates. Wednesday 7 p.m. Ludlow Christian Fellowship Bible Study: Hank Bastos, Leader

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Liturgy schedule: Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. Sunday 8 a.m

ST. ELIZABETH PARISH 191 Hubbard St., Ludlow 413-583-3467

Pastor - Rev. Msgr. Homer P. Gosselin In Residence – Rev. Norman Bolton Deacons, Normand Grondin, **Thomas Rickson, Keith Davies** (Robert Duval, retired)

Wednesday, March 18: 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass - (C), 9:00 a.m. Walking with Purpose – (FLBH, ER, ZR), 3:30 p.m. Youth Group - (JR), 4:30 p.m. Holy Mother Choir Rehearsal – (C), 6:00 p.m. Walking with Purpose - (ER), 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer - (C), 6:30 p.m. Scripture Reflection - (ZR), 6:30 p.m. Scripture Reflection - (ZR), 6:30 p.m. Scouts - (JR/FLBH), Thursday, March 19: 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass - (C), (K),

5:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal – (C),6:00pm Trip Informational Meeting – (JR) Friday, March 20: 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass – (C), 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer – (C),

Saturday, March 21: 3:00 p.m. Confessions – (C), 4:00 p.m. Mass - (C), Sunday March 22: 7:30 a.m. Mass – (C),8:00 a.m.

Take & Eat Program - (FLBH/K), 9:15 a.m. Mass -(C),11:00 a.m. Mass - (C), 5:00 p.m. Mass - (C) Monday, March 23: 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass - (C),7:00 pm Parish Mission - (C)

Tuesday, March 24: 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass – (C), 5:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class - (JR), 6:30 p.m. St. Rita Choir Rehearsal - (C), 7:00 p.m. Parish Mission - (C)

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> UNION CHURCH OF CHRIST (United Church of Christ) 51 Center St., Ludlow 413-583-5717 Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey K. Erb

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Office Hours: Thursdays: 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Fridays: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit our website at www.ludlow-first.com Worship Services - 9 a.m. Sunday mornings Church School, Nursery and Coffee Hour after service. Wednesdays - 7:30 p.m. - AA meetings Please contact us regarding our Fellowship Hall rental. First Church thrift/gift shop hours: Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED

DBITUARIES

Kenneth R. Gauthier, Jr., 62

INDIAN ORCHARD Kenneth R. Gauthier, Jr., 62, passed away at home on March 8, 2020. Born in Ludlow to Annette (Waszeciak) and Kenneth Gauthier, Sr., he was a lifelong area resident. Ken obtained a Bachelor's Degree in accounting and a Master's Degree in liberal arts

from Boston University. He had worked for 10 years as an auditor with the Department of Revenue and then worked many years as a licensed self-employed contractor. A lifelong musician and guitarist, he played with several local bands.



Ken leaves his parents, Annette and Kenneth Gauthier of Singer Island, FL; his sons, Kyle Gauthier and his wife Elizabeth of Ludlow and Kenneth Gauthier III of Indian Orchard; his brother, Keith Gauthier and his wife Carol and a nephew Ian, all of Longmeadow, and many friends.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 from 4-7pm at Nowak Funeral & Cremation Services, 15 Ludlow Ave., Springfield. For further details or to express online condolences, visit www.nowakfuneral.com.

Edgar Jean Veautour, 88

LUDLOW - Mr. Edgar Jean Veautour, age 88, a lifelong resident of Ludlow, Mass. and then Naples, Fl., died peacefully in his sleep on Monday, March 9th. Mr. Veautour was born on April 10, 1931 to his parents Gerald and Ada (Arsenault) Veautour. He graduated from Fitchburg High School in 1949 and joined the Air Force on

his 20th birthday with his twin brother Gerry. He is survived by wife of 67 years, Christine (Sarp) Veautour of Naples, Florida; children Barbara and her husband Scott Bartlett of Manchester, N.H., Christine and her husband Warren Lucas of Jacksonville,



FL and Gerald Veautour of Ludlow, Mass.; grandchildren Jillian Veautour of Ludlow, MA, Jennifer and Derek Bartlett of Manchester, N.H.. Sister Irene Lapointe of N.H. and several nieces and nephews. Edgar was predeceased by his twin brother Gerald Veautour.

Edgar was a communicant of St John the Baptist. A member of the Unity AC, Boy Scouts of America and the Ludlow Hockey Association. He will be missed by his family and friends. In lieu of services a memorial plaque will honor "Fast Eddie" in the memorial garden at Imperial Wilderness in Naples, Fl.

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Four days at Westin Hotel on the city's Riverwalk, illuminated for the holidays. Also, city tour, river cruise, Mexican Marketplace, Alamo, Mission San José, LBJ Ranch, German community of Fredericksburg decorated for Christmas, Museum of the Pacific War and

more. \$2,149 pp doubles includes air, taxes, luggage handling, and transportation to/from Bradley Airport. Contact Jim Martin at 413-583-6339 or jameslmartin47@gmail.com.

2020 POLANIE CLUB TRIPS

For information and reservations on any of these trips, call: Loretta, at 413-592-7350, Stacy, at 413-593-1172, Dottie, at 413-583-4411, Dianne, at 413-214-3822 or Jeannie, at 413-589-0366.

QUEEN ESTHER at Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster, PA-June 9-11 includes deluxe motor coach, two nights at Comfort Suites Lancaster with two breakfasts, one dinner at the Mount Hope Estate & Winery and one dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord, improv comedy show and the Queen Esther Show. Village Insider at Kitchen Kettle Villand, a visit to the Old Windmill Farm and a ride aboard the Strasburg Railroad through the Amish farmlands. Cost \$ 521. pp double/triple.

THE ROARING 20s at St. Clement's Castle, Portland. Connecticut. Dine in the Prince Edward Ballroom, the favorite Friendship Band "Triad" will be performing the music of this great era to listen and dance to. Learn to dance the Charleston with professional dancers. Tuesday, June 16. Deluxe motorcoach. Cost is \$94 per person..

CRUISING GLOUCESTER HARBOR Luncheon buffet cruise aboard he Beauport Princess with DJ music and light narration. visit Rockport and shop in the many galleries. Sunday, July 26. Cost is \$120 per person.

THE LIGHTHOUSES OF BOSTON HARBOR After lunch at the Venezia Restaurant on the waterfront, enjoy a 90-minute narrated historical cruise aboard the catamaran Provincetown III Deluxe motorcoach. Tuesday, Aug. 25 Cost is \$ 117 per











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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PLANNING BOARD HEARING Relative to PROPOSED ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENTS Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 5 LEGAL NOTICE ZONING BYLAW

The Planning Board of the Town of Ludlow will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the town's zoning bylaw. The public hearing will be held as follows:

Place:

Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room, 3rd fl.

Date:

Thursday, March 26, 2020* Time:

7:15 PM
Applicant:
Planning Board
Location:
488 Chapin Street,

Ludlow, MA
*If the Planning Board
meeting on March 26, 2020
is cancelled due to inclement
weather, the public hearing
will be re-scheduled to 7:00
PM on April 9, 2020.

The subject matter of the proposed amendments is as indicated below. The complete text relative to the proposed amendments is available for inspection during regular business hours in the Planning Board Office and Town Clerk's Office. Proposed zoning bylaw revisions are in draft form and are subject to change.

Proposed zoning bylaw revisions to include the following: SECTION VI: SPECIAL LAND USE **REGULATIONS 6.10** LARGE-SCALE, GROUND- MOUNTED, PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS by adding to 6.10.5 Design Standards (a) **Dimensional and Density** Requirements. For largescale, ground-mounted, photovoltaic systems located in areas zoned Agriculture and Agriculture Moderate Density Overlay, the minimum lot frontage requirement is reduced to 50 feet.

> Raymond Phoenix Chairman

3/11, 3/18/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street** Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD20P0480GD Mary E Stoddard Of: Ludlow, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person **CITATION GIVING** NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF **GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED** PERSON PURSUANT TO

G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mary Jane M Sheehan of Longmeadow, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Mary E Stoddard is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Mary P Powers of West Springfield, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the

bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitat-

ed, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or vour attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **04/06/2020**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the abovenamed person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon.
Barbara M Hyland, First
Justice of this Court.
Date: March 09, 2020

Suzanne T. Seguin Register of Probate 3/18/2020

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
HAMPDEN, ss
SUPERIOR COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE
TRIAL COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO.
1979CV00755
SUMMONS
JAVED SHAH and
SAKINA SHAH,
PLAINTIFF(S)

G.L.B. CORP. DEFENDANTS(S)

To the above named defendant: G.L.B. Corp.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Nyles L. Courchesne, Esq., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 1391 Main Street, Suite 201, Springfield, MA 01103, an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this sum mons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Clerk of this court at Springfield either before service upon the plaintiff's attorney or within a reasonable time thereafter.

Unless otherwise provided by rule 13(a), your answer must state as a counterclaim any claim which you may have against the plaintiff which arises out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the plain-

tiff's claim or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action.

Witness, Judith Fabricant, Esq., at Springfield the 2nd day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen.

Laura S. Gentile, Esquire
CLERK OF COURTS
NOTICE TO
DEFENDANT - You need
not appear personally in court
to answer the complaint, but
if you claim to have a defense,
either you or your attorney
must serve a copy of you written answer within 20 days
as specified herein and also
file the original in the Clerk's
office.
3/18/2020

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600
Docket No. HD20P0415EA
Estate of:
Stanley F. Pisarczyk
Date of Death:
01/21/2020

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Madeline Jodoin of Wilbraham, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

INFORMAL PROBATE

Madeline Jodoin of Wilbraham, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 3/18/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court 50 State Street** Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD20P0483PM In the matter of: Mary E Stoddard Of: Ludlow, MA RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/Minor) CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE **ORDER PURSUANT TO** G.L. c. 190B,

\$5-304 & \$5-405 To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Gregory R Bell of Ludlow, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Mary E Stoddard is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Mary P Powers of West Springfield, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM. on the return date of 04/06/2020. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after

the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the abovenamed person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a Iawver. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a Iawver, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon.
Barbara M Hyland, First
Justice of this Court.
Date: March 09, 2020

Suzanne T. Seguin Register of Probate 3/18/2020

Commonwealth of

Massachusetts

The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD20P0391EA
Estate of: Edna E Connor
Also known as:
Edna Connor
Date of Death: 01/24/2020
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL

ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal
Probate of Will with
Appointment of Personal
Representative has been filed
by Janet Vigneault of Ludlow
MA requesting that the Court
enter a formal Decree and

as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Janet Vigneault of Ludlow MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

Order and for such other relief

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 3/26/2020.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE

CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 26, 2020

Suzanne T. Seguin Register of Probate 3/18/2020

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT / HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 7:20 p.m.* on the application of Dennis and Melanie Fialho for property located at 169 Stevens Street, Ludlow, MA for Home Office – property management. Site plans, if applicable, are on file for inspection in the Planning Board Office.

*If the Planning Board meeting on March 26, 2020 is cancelled due to inclement weather, the public hearing will be re-scheduled to 7:20 p.m. on April 9, 2020.

Raymond Phoenix Chairman

3/11, 3/18/2020

LUDLOW
PLANNING BOARD
LEGAL NOTICE
SPECIAL PERMIT /
HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.* on the application of Steve Levesque for property located at 154 Cedar Street, Ludlow, MA for Home Office – landscaping. Site plans, if applicable, are on file for inspection in the Planning Board Office.

*If the Planning Board meeting on March 26, 2020 is cancelled due to inclement weather, the public hearing will be re-scheduled to 7:00 p.m. on April 9, 2020.

Raymond Phoenix Chairman

3/11, 3/18/2020 Chairman

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT / HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 7:05 p.m.* on the application of Robert Ziemba for property located at 26 Wilno Avenue, Ludlow, MA for Home Office – small machine shop. Site plans, if applicable, are on file for inspection in the Planning Board Office.

*If the Planning Board meeting on March 26, 2020 is cancelled due to inclement weather, the public hearing will be re-scheduled to 7:05 p.m. on April 9, 2020.

Raymond Phoenix Chairman

3/11, 3/18/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

The Ludlow Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, 488 Chapin Street, Board of Selectmen's Conference Room, third floor, on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM on the application of Homer & Mary Dubois, for the property located at 0 Rood Street, Ludlow, MA (Assessors Map 17, Parcel 80, Zoning: Agricultural). The subject of the hearing is a Special Permit to construct a single-family house on a pre-existing, non-conforming lot that will not meet the required setbacks of Ludlow Zoning Bylaw, Table 2 - Table of Dimensional Regulations.

Anthony W. Jarvis, Chairman

3/18, 3/25/2020

LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT / HOME OCCUPATION

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 7:25 p.m.* on the application of Paul Babiec for property located at 69 Amherst Street, Ludlow, MA for Home Office home remodeling. Site plans, if applicable, are on file for inspection in the Planning Board Office. *If the Planning Board meeting on March 26, 2020 is cancelled due to inclement weather, the public hearing will be re-scheduled to 7:25 p.m. on April 9, 2020.

Raymond Phoenix
Chairman

Chair 3/11, 3/18/2020

3/11, 3/16/2020

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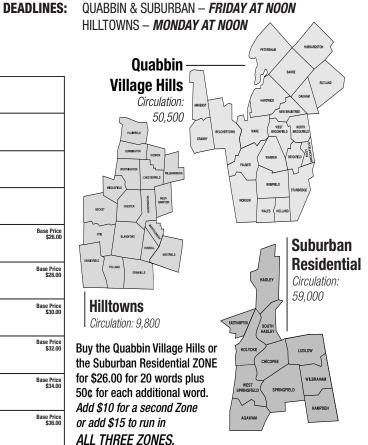
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